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**For: "ORGANIC THIOL METAL-FREE STABILIZERS AND PLASTICIZERS  
FOR HALOGEN-CONTAINING POLYMERS"**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir,

This invention relates to aromatic and aliphatic organic thiol compounds which can be utilized to plasticize and/or stabilize halogen-containing polymer compositions, especially poly(vinyl chloride) compositions. Compounds of the present invention are utilized in polymers normally susceptible to deterioration and color change, which typically occurs during processing of the polymer or exposure to certain environments.

As authorized and encouraged under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 – 1.99, Applicant hereby cites as a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set for in 37 C.F. R. §1.56, the following patents and or documents, which the Examiner should consider with respect to the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

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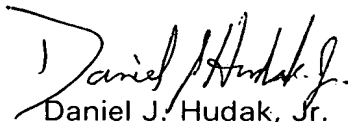
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An official action considering the enclosed items is earnestly solicited.

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